



Ward 3 Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



Contact: Captain Trish Tracy

Date: June 11, 2008

Ward 3 – Trailer Fire at 500 Block of W. Rillito Street

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Dispatch Time – 1117

On-Scene – 1121

Under Control – 1136

This was a call reporting smoke and flames coming from a mobile home with a person still inside. The three occupants that live at this address were at home when the fire started. The smoke detector alerted them and two of the three were able to exit safely. Bystanders attempted to remove the third occupant and were unsuccessful. Four minutes later, TFD units arrived and initiated an aggressive interior attack to attempt the rescue. Rescue of the victim was unsuccessful due to fire conditions and the location of the victim. It took 7 crews and 21 firefighters 15 minutes to extinguish the blaze.

This was the second fire related death in Tucson this year. No other injuries were reported. The Red Cross was notified and assisted the family with their needs. The cause of the fire was accidental. The cause of death is still under investigation. The damage estimate was approximately \$50,000.

Safety Message: It is not only important to have a working smoke detector, but to also have an escape plan and to practice that plan with your family. The escape plan should include two ways out of each room. Make sure that the plan includes preparing to assist those who cannot escape on their own.

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